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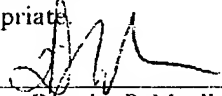
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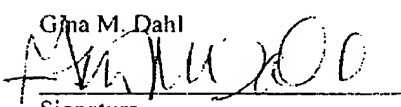
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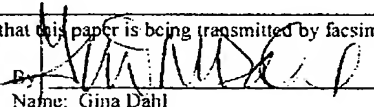
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In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2008, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.